

# Summer 2009



## Junior Deputy Academy a Hit with Frederick County Kids

More than 300 Frederick County kids turned out for the 2009 Frederick County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Academies. During the month of June, the Community Deputy Unit hosted academies in the towns of Emmitsburg and Middletown. "As the word gets out about the program, the academies are growing in numbers," said Sgt. Dina Blundell, Supervisor of the Community Deputy Program.

The Junior Deputy Academy started three years ago. It's a half day, free academy that brings together county kids and deputies in a friendly and social environment. During the day kids get to hang out with deputies and learn about police work through a series of



stations. This year the stations included bike and stranger danger safety talks, a K-9 demonstration, patrol vehicle, SWAT and fingerprinting stations, a pig chase and an obstacle course with a zip line. In addition, the local Marine Bravo Company came out to participate, bringing two light armored vehicles (tanks). The kids thoroughly enjoyed climbing on them.

"The day is really fun for everyone," said Sgt. Blundell. "It takes a lot of work and resources on the part of our personnel and community volunteers to make the academies successful, but our kids are worth it."



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Photo above: Dfc. Mike Eyler works the zip line  
Photo left: Dfc. Brian Stocks assisting kids with maze

Photo below: Sgt. Dave Hunter with a group of kids at vehicle station



## Commendation Presented to Ha Van



A few years ago the Sheriff's Office purchased a \$5,000 computerized Child Identification System with donations from the community. The system consists of a laptop computer, camera, fingerprint pad attachment and a printer that is used by the Community Services Section (CSS) to photograph and fingerprint kids. The program is popular with the citizens of Frederick County, and CSS plans to use it significantly throughout this summer and beyond.

About three months ago there was a software problem with the system and it stopped working. Mr. Van was asked to look at it after repeated failed repair attempts by CSS staff members. Mr. Van was able to completely restore the system

to its original condition, however, it took him two full days to learn the system and make the repairs. He was able to do this without interfering with his normal duties within the Technology Section.

Mr. Van's diligence and expertise saved a program that is very important to the Office and community, and he should be commended. If he were not able to repair the program, the Office would have had to either replace the software or the whole system, potentially costing about \$6,000.

On July 22nd, the Sheriff's Office presented Mr. Van with a Commendation Award to recognize his assistance.

## Comfort Dolls Presented to Sheriff's Office

On Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Frederick County SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council presented hand-made comfort dolls to Sheriff Chuck Jenkins. Deputies provide the comfort dolls to seniors and children during crisis situations.

Brittany Reichelt, a 13 year-old Girl Scout from Middletown, contacted Judy Hallman about her service learning project. Brittany spent approximately 100 hours obtaining donations of material, thread and stuffing needed to make the dolls. She scheduled a workshop ses-

sion for the Girl Scouts, Brownies and SALT Council members to cut out the doll pattern, sew and stuff the dolls. For more information about the SALT Council project, please call 301-600-3909.



Pictured presenting the dolls to Sheriff Jenkins: seated, Brittany Reichelt and Edna Butcher, standing left to right, Jennie Sue Pearson, Dorothy Morgan, Sheriff Jenkins, Judy Hallman and Betty Baggett. SALT members not pictured: Jill Erb, Doris Coblentz and Fran Ziemba.

## Project Lifesaver Training

Natalie Leonard

On July 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Cpl Tom Johann taught a Project Lifesaver class. The thirteen attendees included eight deputies, two Brunswick Police Department officers, one dispatcher, and two Community Assistance Patrol personnel. The training consisted of both classroom time and practical exercises.

Project Lifesaver is a program to help protect persons who run, wander, or are lost due to Autism, Alzheimer's Disease, and/or Down Syndrome. The program has been in existence since 1999, starting in Chesapeake, Virginia. It is implemented nationwide, including Canada, and the number of public safety agencies enrolled continues to grow. Project Lifesaver International reports that over 1900 searches

have been completed in the past 10 years and that they have a 100% success rate. The average recovery time for Project Lifesaver clients is 30 minutes.

Project Lifesaver is designed to save lives and reduce injury by providing timely responses by law enforcement personnel who are trained in using the equipment to track and find those clients who are reported missing. The clients enrolled in the program wear a personal transmitter around their wrist or ankle that sends out a tracking signal that is unique to that person. If the client goes missing, their caregiver will contact the Sheriff's Office and we will send our trained personnel out with the tracking equipment to assist in the search.

## Harley Davidson of Frederick Supports Law Enforcement

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office would like to recognize Michael Vantucci, owner of Harley-Davidson of Frederick, for his commitment to the community and law enforcement. For the second year, through the company's law enforcement program, Mr. Vantucci is providing the Sheriff's Office with a 2008 FLHTP Police motorcycle.

While in the Sheriff's Office's possession, Mr. Vantucci will pay for all the motorcycle's maintenance needs. The motor has already been utilized for a number of high profile events: Rolling Thunder, Woodsboro Memorial Day Parade, Annual COPS

Ride, Ofc. Bremer Memorial Ride, and the Annual Red Helmets Ride to the NFA.

Sheriff Jenkins commented, "I want to thank Mr. Vantucci for his support of law enforcement

and his dedication to this community. He has been great to work with and the bike is a real asset for this office."



Sgt. Dave Hunter talks to kids about Sheriff's Office motorcycle



## Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention Awards Grants to Frederick County Sheriff's Office



The Frederick County Sheriff's Office was awarded \$2,961 in overtime from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) for the FY 2010

Domestic Violence Unit Program to serve protective and peace orders. The Protective and Peace Order Service Project meets court mandates for timely entry and service of exparte/protective orders. The project will provide overtime funds for deputies to serve protective and peace orders as an extra-duty overtime assignment. This project will improve law enforcement services available to petitioners of protective and peace orders and provide patrol teams additional time for calls for service.

The Sheriff's Office was awarded \$19,740 in overtime from the GOCCP for the FY 2010 Sex Offender Compliance and Enforcement in Maryland (SOCEM) Grant Program to conduct sex offender compliance checks. The SOCEM Monitoring Support Project tracks the compliance of local sex offenders who are required to register and maintain with the Maryland Sex Of-

fender Registry. Criminal investigators and patrol team deputies conduct checks of registered sex offenders a minimum of two times per year to ensure they comply with the state law. The Frederick County SOCEM Monitoring Support Project will provide funds to the Sheriff's Office for overtime for sworn and civilian personnel to verify offender compliance in addition to their normal work hours.

GOCCP also awarded \$6,800 to the Law Enforcement Technology Program (LETC) grant funded through the Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) program for crime analysis software. The Sheriff's Office Crime Analysis Project - LETC addresses the need to enhance technology in the existing Fredrick County Sheriff's Office Crime Analysis Unit. Grant funds would provide the Crime Analysis Unit with updated software, training, and consulting services. These funds would enable the Crime Analysis Unit to conduct more efficient tactical analysis and enhance the quality, timeliness, and quantity of information shared with local and regional law enforcement agencies.



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## Junior Deputy Academy Photo Gallery

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### Photos

1. Dfc. Jay Godlove gives stranger danger talk
2. Pig Chase Station
3. Kids climb under simulated barbed wire in obstacle course
4. SWAT station deploys green smoke
5. Dfc. James Harris times kids during pig chase
6. Dfc. John McQuain gives bike safety talk
7. Kids climb wall in obstacle course
8. Kids work through scenario at SWAT station

